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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST EXHIBIT ON CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

Civil War Lineage Society Groups in San Diego Mark 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

San Diego, CA – The San Diego Public Library will host a Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibit organized by the combined Civil War lineage societies of San Diego to mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The Exhibit will be on display from April 17 through May 27, 2011 in the lobby of the Central Library located downtown at, 820 E Street. This is a free and open exhibit.

Civil War society member groups have supplied items from their collections to build themes such as Civil War Battles, Generals Lee and Grant, the Issue of Slavery, Soldiers' Life, and Presidents Lincoln and Davis. Uniforms and military equipment will be a part of the display as well as books, badges, maps, stamps, and coins related to the four lineage societies.

Lineage society groups represented are Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Father A.J. Ryan Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Sgt. William Pittenger Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and Stonewall Jackson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Civil War lineage societies are open to anyone who can prove descent from a soldier, sailor, or marine who served from 1861-1865 for the Union or the Confederacy. Lineage society members participate in Civil War re-enactments, support battlefield preservation, and promote knowledge of the Civil War years. The combined societies also sponsor a Memorial Day celebration at Mt. Hope Cemetery each year.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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